

DWD Issuance 09-2007, Change 2

Issued: May 13, 2009 Effective: April 6, 2009

Subject: Change in Verification of Employment Eligibility for H-2A and H-

2B Job Order Referrals

1. Purpose: To implement a new I-9 form for use in referring job seekers to an H-

2A and H-2B employer with an open job order.

2. <u>Background</u>: The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has established guidelines

indicating acceptable documentation the states may use to determine WIA general eligibility. A recent change to the USCIS I-9 form modifies the documentation that is allowable to establish an individual's identity, and employment eligibility. The I-9 documentation is part of a set of acceptable general eligibility documentation requirements for WIA Title 1-B participants. The use of I-9 information in regard to eligibility for WIA participants is addressed in Division of Workforce Development

(DWD) Issuance 13-99 dated June 22, 2000.

ETA provided clarification to the procedures in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 11-07, and TEGL 11-07, Change 1, and on December 18, 2008, USDOL ETA through the Federal Register, amended ETA 20 CFR part 655 to include this mandate. DWD Issuance 09-2007, Change 1 was issued on January 18,

2009 to include the H-2B program as requiring the I-9.

3. Substance: The attached new I-9, I-9 Q&A and Employer Handbook are USDOL's

recently-released approved resources for employees to use to verify their

identity and employment authorization.

4. Action: Effective April 6, 2009 all Missouri Career Center staff and other

program operators must assure full compliance with this guidance, including the associated attachments, when operating and/or

implementing workforce development programs.

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5. <u>Contact</u>: Direct questions or comments regarding H-2A and H-2B job orders to:

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6. <u>Reference</u>: TEGL 5-08 November 13, 2008; DWD Issuance 01-2001, July 16, 2001;

ETA 20 CFR parts 655 & 656; 8 CFR Part 274a

7. Rescissions: DWD Issuance 13-99 (Change 1), August 30, 2000; DWD Issuance 09-

2007, January 7, 2008; TEGL 06-08.

8. Attachments: Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification

Form I-9 Questions and Answers

Handbook for Employers, Instructions for Completing Form I-9

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